

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 11, 14 and 16, and ADD new claims 17-22 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing method for a client-server environment in which at least one client system is coupled to a server system, comprising:

~~a step~~ automatically making in the server system, with respect to ~~a user~~ the client system, a notification which includes information for inducing the ~~user~~ client system to a homepage when a predetermined condition is satisfied, with reference to a point in time when the client system last ~~made access to~~ accessed the homepage.

2. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said information includes update information of the homepage on or after said point in time.

AI 3. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the predetermined condition is formed by a lapse of a predetermined time from said point in time.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The access inducing method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

~~a step~~ urging the ~~user~~ client system to input user information, and said notification being made based on the user information.

5. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the user information includes notifying destination information, and the notification is made by a communication method depending on the notifying destination information.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing apparatus adapted to a server system which is communicable with at least a client system, comprising:

first recording means for recording a point in time when a ~~user~~ the client system last made access to a homepage;

creating means for creating information for inducing the ~~user~~ client system to the homepage; and

notifying means for automatically making a notification which includes said information with respect to the ~~user~~ client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time.

7. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said creating means creates information including update information of the homepage on or after said point in time.

8. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said predetermined condition is formed by a lapse of a predetermined time from said point in time.

A 9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The access inducing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:

second recording means for recording user information input ~~by the user~~ from the client system, and

said notifying means making the notification based on the user information.

10. (ORIGINAL) The access inducing apparatus as claimed in claim 9, wherein the user information includes notifying destination information, and said notifying means makes the notification by a communication method depending on the notifying destination information.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer, which is communicable with at least a client system, to carry out a process of inducing ~~a user~~ the client system to a homepage, said program comprising:

a first recording procedure causing the computer to record a point in time when the ~~user~~ client system last made access to the homepage;

a creating procedure causing the computer to create information for inducing the ~~user~~ client system to the homepage; and

a notifying procedure causing the computer to automatically ~~making~~ make a notification which includes said information with respect to the ~~user~~ client system, when a

predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time.

12. (ORIGINAL) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said creating procedure causes the computer to create information including update information of the homepage on or after said point in time.

13. (ORIGINAL) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said predetermined condition is formed by a lapse of a predetermined time from said point in time.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 11, wherein said program further comprises:

A¹ a second recording procedure causing the computer to record user information input by the user from the client system, and

said notifying procedure causing the computer to make the notification based on the user information.

15. (ORIGINAL) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 14, wherein the user information includes notifying destination information, and said notifying procedure causes the computer to make the notification by a communication method depending on the notifying destination information.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An access inducing apparatus adapted to a server system which is communicable with at least a client system, comprising:

a recording part which records a point in time when ~~a user~~ the client system last made access to a homepage;

a creating part which creates information for inducing the ~~user~~ client system to the homepage; and

a notifying part which automatically makes a notification which includes said information with respect to the ~~user~~ client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time.

A² 17. (NEW) An access inducing method for a client-server environment in which at least one client system is coupled to a server system, comprising:

automatically making in the server system, with respect to the client system, a notification which includes information for inducing the client system to access data managed by the server system when a predetermined condition is satisfied, with reference to a point in time when the client system last accessed to the data.

18. (NEW) An access inducing apparatus adapted to a server system which is communicable with at least a client system, comprising:

first recording means for recording a point in time when the client system last accessed data managed by the server system;

creating means for creating information for inducing the client system to the data; and

notifying means for automatically making a notification which includes said information with respect to the client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time.

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19. (NEW) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer which is communicable with at least a client system to carry out a process of inducing the client system to data managed by the server system, said program comprising:

a first recording procedure causing the computer to record a point in time when the client system last accessed the data;

a creating procedure causing the computer to create information for inducing the client system to the data; and

a notifying procedure causing the computer to automatically making a notification which includes said information with respect to the client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time.

20. (NEW) An access inducing apparatus adapted to a server system which is communicable with at least a client system, comprising:

a recording part which records a point in time when the client system last accessed data managed by the server system;

a creating part which creates information for inducing the client system to the data; and

a notifying part which automatically makes a notification which includes said information with respect to the client system, when a predetermined condition is satisfied with reference to said point in time.

21. (NEW) A method to automatically transmit homepage related information, comprising:

automatically sending a notification, including information to attract a client system to the homepage, when a predetermined condition is satisfied.

22. (NEW) A method to automatically transmit homepage related information to a client system in a client-server network, comprising:

creating the homepage related information when the client system pulls a homepage from the server; and

pushing the homepage related information to the client system via the server when a predetermined condition is satisfied.
